

Amendments to the Drawings:

Please replace Figures 3 and 12 with the following replacement figures that are attached hereto: new Figures 3 and 12.

No new matter has been added to the Figures.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, and 4-43 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 20, and 41 have been amended. Claim 3 was previously cancelled, and claims 4-19 and 21-20 have been withdrawn by restriction.

Claims 1 and 41 were amended to recite the purpose of the funnel outlet as suggested by the Office Action and to remove any antecedent basis issues that may have been present for the phrase "the sloping mesh". Support for this amendment can be found in the specification at least at page 11, second full paragraph, wherein it states "water, along with small debris, flows out of the outlet 85" and page 12, in the currently amended paragraph, wherein it states "[r]ainwater, flowing down from the trap's catching part, seeps through the mesh 202 of the funnel 203. Then it flows out the funnel outlet 220...." Claim 20 was amended to depend from claim 1 rather than previously cancelled claim 3. In addition, the specification at pages 9 and 12 has been amended as detailed in the Amendment to the Specification section of this Response to include reference numerals for every feature of the invention specified in the claims. All of the features for which reference numerals were added were present in the as-filed specification either in the amended paragraphs themselves or in the claims. Additionally, Figures 3 and 12 were amended to include reference numerals for every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Applicants only added reference numerals for features that were present in the as-filed figures. Thus, no substantive changes were made to the figures. Based on the foregoing, Applicants submit that no new matter has been added to the application.

Reexamination of the application and reconsideration of the rejections and objections are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks, which follow the order set forth in the Office Action.

Drawings

The Office Action objected to the drawings for failing to show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Applicants have amended Figures 3 and 12 to include reference numerals for every feature of the invention specified in the claims. As indicated above, Applicants only added reference numerals for features that were present in the as-filed figures. Thus, no new matter has been added to the application. Replacement sheets are included herewith for Figures 3 and 12. Based on the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the instant objection.

Claim Objections

The Office Action objected to claim 20 for depending from cancelled claim 3. Applicants amended claim 20 to depend from claim 1 as suggested by the Office Action. Based on the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the instant objection.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1-2, 20, and 41-43 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite because allegedly the phrase “and a funnel outlet situated outside of the container for storing the caught insects” is confusing. Applicants have amended claims 1 and 41 to remove the phrase “for storing the caught insects” and replace it with the phrase “so that water and small debris may flow out of the funnel outlet”. As indicated above, support for this amendment can be found in the as-filed specification. In addition, claims 1 and 41 have been amended to remove the phrase “the sloping mesh” and replace it with the phrase “the mesh covering the funnel inlet” to remove any potential antecedent basis issues. Applicants submit that the claims, as amended, are not indefinite. As such, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the instant rejection.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action stated that claims 1-2, 20, and 41-43 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, set forth in the Office Action. Applicants submit that they have overcome all objections and rejections set forth in the Office Action.

For the foregoing reasons, claims 1, 2, 20, and 41-43 are considered allowable. A Notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If any questions remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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